

### AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

#### In the Claims:

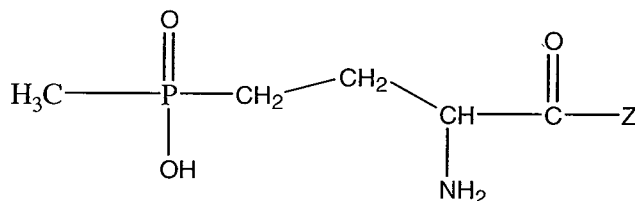
Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (Previously Presented)

13. A method for combatting harmful plants in cotton crops, which comprises applying a herbicidal composition to the harmful plants or to the area where the harmful plants reside, wherein the herbicidal composition comprises a herbicide combination comprising a synergistically effective amount of

(A) a broad-spectrum herbicide consisting of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of

(A1) compounds of the formula (A1),



(A1)

in which Z is a radical of the formula  $-\text{OH}$ , or the salts thereof;

and

(B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of

(B1) metolachlor;

(B2) bispyribac or its salts, and pyriithiobac or its salts;

and

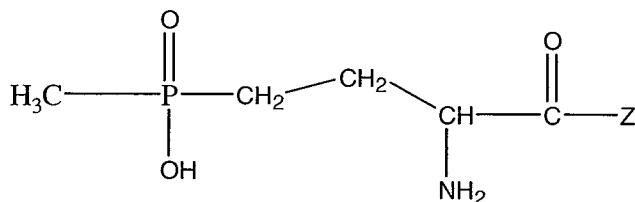
(B4) sethoxydim and clethodim,

and optionally one or more safeners

wherein said cotton crops are tolerant to the herbicides (A) and (B) in said combination

Claim 14 (Previously Presented)

14. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the herbicidal composition comprises a herbicide combination comprising a synergistically effective amount of (A1) compounds of the formula (A1),



(A1)

in which Z is a radical of the formula  $-\text{OH}$ , or the salts thereof;

and

(B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of

(B1) metolachlor; and

(B2) pyriithiobac or its salts;

and optionally one or more safeners

wherein said cotton crops are tolerant to the herbicides (A) and (B) in said combination.

Claim 15 (Previously presented)

15. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein herbicide (B) is (B1) metolachlor.

Claims 16-20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (Previously presented)

21. A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein herbicide (B) is (B2) bispyribac or its salts.

Claim 22 (Previously presented)

22. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein herbicide (B) is (B2) pyriithiobac or its salts.

Claim 23 (Currently amended)

23. A method as claim in claim 14, wherein herbicide (B) is (B2) pyriithiobac ~~selected from the group consisting of (B3) quizalofop-P or its esters and/or quizalofop or its esters.~~

Claims 24-26 (Cancelled)

Claim 27 (Previously presented)

27. A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein herbicide (B) is (B4) sethoxydim.

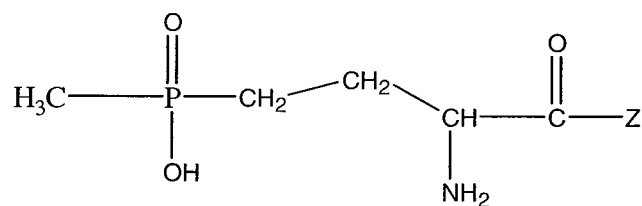
Claim 28 (Previously presented)

28. A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein herbicide (B) is (B4) clethodim.

Claims 29-46 (cancelled)

Claim 47 (Previously Presented)

47. A herbicidal composition which comprises a combination of  
(A) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of  
(A1) compounds of the formula (A1),



(A1)

in which Z is a radical of the formula -OH or the salts thereof;

and

(B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of

(B1') metolachlor;

(B2') bispyribac or its salts, and pyriithiobac or its salts;

and

(B4') sethoxydim and clethodim,

and

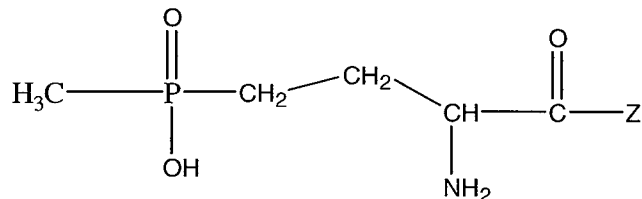
(C) optionally adjuvants or auxiliaries customarily used in crop protection.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented)

48. A herbicidal composition of claim 47 which comprises a combination of

(A) one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of

(A1) compounds of the formula (A1),



(A1)

in which Z is a radical of the formula –OH or the salts thereof;

and

(B) one or more herbicides selected from the group consisting of

(B1') metolachlor;

(B2') pyriithiobac or its salts;

and

(C) optionally adjuvants or auxiliaries customarily used in crop protection.

Claim 49 (previously presented)

49. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein herbicide (B) is (B1) metolachlor.

Claim 50 (previously presented)

50. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 47, wherein herbicide (B) is (B2) bispyribac or its salts.

Claim 51 (previously presented)

51. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein herbicide (B) is (B2) pyriithiobac or its salts.

Claim 52 (previously presented)

52. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 48, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B2') pyriithiobac.

Claims 53-56 (cancelled)

Claim 57 (previously presented)

57. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 47, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B4') sethoxydim.

Claim 58 (previously presented)

58. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 47, wherein herbicide (B) is selected from the group consisting of (B4') clethodim.

Claims 59-73 (cancelled)

Claim 74 (previously presented)

74. A method for influencing the yield or the constituents of cotton plants which comprises applying a herbicidal composition according to claim 47 to the cotton plants or to an area where they reside.